

Rev. Dr. McCurdy.

A very handsome monument has been placed in the Chatham (N. B.) Burying Ground, over the grave of the late venerable Dr. McCurdy, for so long a time the Pastor of the Presbyterian congregation there. We understand it has been the intention from the time of Dr. McCurdy's death, to give some expression to the regard and affection in which he was held, in the form of a memorial stone, but owing to circumstances, it was found inconvenient to carry out that intention, until last summer, when a movement was originated, a subscription list opened, and, in a few weeks, the sum of \$250 was readily contributed. The monument is an obelisk in shape. The style is Gothic. On a free-gone base are two bases of marble, on which rest the die, with the following inscription:—

TO THE MEMORY OF

THE REV. JOHN MCCURDY, D. D.,

BORN, MARCH 17TH, 1808.

DIED, JANUARY 1ST, 1868.

*Pastor, from its erection in the year 1831
till his death, of Saint John's
Church, in this town.*

"FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."

THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED BY HIS
ATTACHED CONGREGATION.

Above this is a shaft five feet in length. The whole stone stands about ten feet high. The material is of Italian marble, and is simple and neat. Its durability is said to equal its beauty.

In thus honoring one who was a pioneer, in one branch of the Presbyterian Church in this locality, and who, in times of difficulty and struggle, bore himself with firmness and fidelity, the congregation to which he ministered chiefly honor themselves. It is becoming when worth is acknowledged and remembered. It is better when parents tell their children of the godly character and faithful ministrations of those who are gone. It is best that they raise a name in memory, that when they too are gone generations yet to come, may learn to prize, as did their fathers, the gift of a truly faithful and earnest ministry of the Gospel.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax held two meetings in Montreal. Mr. Gauld's demission of Gore and Kennetcook was accepted, and Mr. Bernard was appointed to declare the congregation vacant on the last Sabbath of June, Mr. B. to be Moderator of

Session. The call to Rev. W. McCullagh from West Cornwallis was set aside. An appropriate minute was adopted with regard to the late Rev. D. S. Gordon, and ordered to be engrossed in the Record, and communicated to his family and flock. Mr. Mowitt was jointed Moderator of Annapolis and Georgetown Session, and to preach at these places on the second Sabbath of July. The following appointments were made for Newport. First Sabbath of July, Rev. J. Sutherland; second Sabbath, Rev. C. P. Pitblado; third, Rev. P. G. McGregor; fourth, Rev. A. J. Mowitt. Mr. Earnest Bayne to supply North Cornwallis on the second and third Sabbaths of July, and Annapolis and Bridgetown on the fourth Sabbath. Rev. R. Sedgewick to preach at Gore and Kennetcook on the third Sabbath of July. At its last meeting the Presbytery adopted a final minute prior to Union.

The new Presbytery of Halifax was constituted by order of Synod. Its next meeting will be held in St. Matthew's Church on the second Tuesday of July at 11 o'clock. Rev. G. M. Grant, Moderator; Rev. John Forrest, Clerk.

FORT MASSEY CHURCH.—The annual business meeting of this Church was held early in June, when the Managing Committee submitted a most satisfactory statement for the year. \$9,325.76 were contributed by the people for running expenses, missionary collections, and for debt extinction. The voluntary system of weekly church door collections is practised, and an average of \$83.59 taken up each Sabbath. Fort Massey Church has raised for all purposes since its foundation \$42,000. The Congregation is in a most flourishing condition, enjoying the ministrations of a most faithful and talented pastor—Dr. Burns.

The ladies of Erskine congregation, Upper Londonderry, accompanied by their social companions, made a friendly call at the Parsonage on Thursday evening, 27th ult., and presented their pastor, Rev. E. Ross, with an address and a purse containing \$125.00. He cordially thanked them for their generous and practical expression of sympathy for him in his illness; and feelingly referred to his twenty years sojourn among them—his affectionate and God-fearing people. The company retired to their homes well satisfied, that by administering encouragement to their Pastor they had obtained a rich blessing themselves.

GRATIFYING TESTIMONIAL.—The Rev. J. F. Forbes, of Lochaber, Antigonish, immediately previous to leaving for Montreal, was waited upon by a Committee of his congregation, who presented him with